

This delicious early fall weather, bright and sunny, yet coolish, contains a prophecy that the later crops will be ripened bountifully.

Rev. Dr. Young will preach in the Presbyterian Church, Sunday, September 5th, morning and evening. The public are invited to attend.

West Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will meet at Guyandotte, on the 18th of this month. Bishop Wrightman, of South Carolina, will preside.

ELECTION RETURNS.—It is a singular fact that up to this time the full returns of the school election have not been made. Even the county of McDowell long since made her returns; while Lewis county, with good roads and better facilities, is still like a cow's tail in this respect.

It is said that at one of the Virginia watering places there are, just now, twenty lady visitors who weigh each over 200 pounds. Suppose they were to engage in an "old Virginia breakdown" all at the same time, how much would you take to be under that ball-room without the privilege of saying your prayers?

TEACHERS APPOINTED.—The Board of Commissioners have appointed the following teachers for the Independent School District of Weston: E. S. Bland, Principal, Professor Murray, First Assistant, W. W. Brannon, Second Assistant, Female Department—Misses Mary Tierney, Ella Hall and Mary Hamilton. Gilbert Nealy was appointed teacher for the colored school.

ALL of the Grange purchasing agents in the United States are to meet in convention at Louisville, Kentucky, on the first of October next. The National Executive Committee and all State Executive Committees will be present, for the purpose of adopting measures by which business can be conducted on a uniform system throughout the United States.

WESTON ACADEMY.—The session of the Weston Academy, for 1875-6, will commence on Monday, September 13, 1875. It might be well for young men in Lewis and adjacent counties, who contemplate attending the Academy as pay students, to correspond with the Principal at once, in relation to terms, &c.—It is the intention to make the Academy fully equal to any of the Normal Schools, in the course of education.

THE COUNTY FAIRS.—The following are the dates of holding the several fairs in this State: Clarksburg, September 7, 8 and 9; Martinsburg, September 7, 8, 9 and 10; Fairmont, September 14, 15 and 16; Parkersburg, September 14, 15, 16 and 17; Weston, September 22, 23 and 24; Point Pleasant, September 28, 29, 30 and October 1st; Grafton, September 29, 30 and October 1st; Morgantown, October 6, 7 and 8.

THE best cattle going to the Baltimore market now, are from West Virginia. Good beef is commanding handsome prices, too; and our State is reaping a rich reward. West Virginia has many fine sections of rare blue grass pastures, the best in the world to make good beef economically, and our intelligent and progressive cattle-growers are constantly improving the breed and blood of their animals. Both the wool and beef of West Virginia have already a national reputation.

ELECTION RETURNS.—Braxton County.—Editor Democrat.—The following are the official returns of the election held on the 13th of August, 1875, for County Superintendent of Free Schools:

James W. Humphreys	596
Emery A. Berry	182
Joseph G. Perrie	137
G. F. Taylor	14
L. D. Humphreys	79

James W. Humphreys' majority over all the other candidates 174. The levy carried throughout the county by a large majority.

W. L. J. CORLEY, Clerk.

Sutton, Aug. 30.

THE Wheeling Intelligencer says: Physicians are of the opinion that the present autumn will be particularly unhealthy, owing to the heavy and almost continuous rainfall, for weeks past. It will serve to cause an earlier decay of vegetation than is usual, and this will produce malaria. Unless we shall have better weather than can be reasonably expected, we will have severe fevers this autumn. Where persons are compelled to remain in town, care should be taken that houses are dried by the use of fires, and flannel undergarments should be freely used. Care should be taken as to diet, but here no general rule can be given, the personal tastes and habits of persons entering into the account.

THE BALLOON ASCENSION.—As we announced in the last issue of THE DEMOCRAT, the Directors of our Fair have completed arrangements with a celebrated aeronaut to make an ascension in a monster balloon. The ascension will take place on the Fair grounds, on the second day of the Fair. Mr. Davis will be accompanied by a young lady, whom he will bring with him for the purpose, or will accept the services of any young lady who desires to accompany him in his aerial voyage.—The scene will be a grand one, and should be witnessed by all who have never before seen a balloon ascension.—The young lady who accompanies Mr. Davis in his ascensions, recently went up alone, at the Hamilton county (Ohio) Fair. She managed her air ship elegantly, and descended, in good order, two or three miles from the point of starting.—The balloon used will be one of the largest on the continent.—Don't forget the time—on the second day of the Fair—September 23rd. No extra charge for tickets on that day.

[Published by request.]

The Model Man.

There lived a model man of yore,
Who always did exactly right;
He never drank, nor smoked, nor swore,
And never stayed out late at night!
He made no bets; he played no games;
To him all women were the same;
He never knew what horses ran—
In truth, he was a model man!
Now, with this model man of yore
The wicked world did not agree;
His neighbors voted him a bore,
His friends a man of mystery,
He found himself accused of crimes
Not to be mentioned in these rhymes,
Until blind justice laid her ban
And rode upon this model man.
So, in this model man of yore,
A moral and a warning see;
A little less—not something more—
Than angels must we mortals be,
Live while you live! Smoke good cigars!
Drink dry champagne! Twang gay guitars!
And be as virtuous as you can—
But do not be a model man.

PROF. J. H. S. WILSON will hold a Singing Convention at Jane Lew, commencing on the 13th of September, at 2 o'clock P. M. All interested will take due notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly.

SCIENTISTS have at last found out what tobacco smoke is—a mixture of cyanhydric, sulphuretted hydrogen, formic, acetic, propionic, butyric, valeric and carbonic acids, half dozen kinds of alkaloids and creosote. We don't wonder the humanitarians declare that it is killing people.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET.—From the market reports this week we quote as follows: Very best, on sale 43a; generally rated first quality 43a; medium or good fair quality 33a; ordinary thin steers, oxen and cows 23a; general average of the market 43; extreme range of prices 23a; most of the sales were from 43 to 54.

RYAN & CO., wholesale and retail dealers in Boots, Shoes and Leather, Harness, Saddles and Bridles, have a splendid assortment of goods on hand, which they offer very cheap. Special bargains to dealers. Satisfaction guaranteed. We pay the highest cash prices for Hides. Good produce taken in exchange for work or goods.

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Main Street, Weston.
September 6—1f

IN the Atlantic Sun of August 17th, under the head of "Local Briefs," appears the following: "T. M. Jackson, of West Virginia, and J. Buchanan, of Philadelphia, whilst on a fishing excursion to-day, captured the largest blue mackerel ever taken here. He attracted much attention from fishermen and sportsmen. The successful gentlemen were followed to Congress Hall, where the monster was hung up for exhibition. He weighed twenty-two pounds, and measured forty-nine inches in length. The gentlemen report going through shoals of them, and many have started out fishing this afternoon."—The "Jackson" spoken of is the Engineer of the Weston & West Fork Railroad.

LAND PATENTS.—Secretary of State Hedrick has received an application for a patent from parties in Gilmer county, upon an entry and survey purporting to be made in 1870. As the survey was irregular it was returned for amendment. The Secretary informed our reporter that the time for obtaining patents upon lands in this State will expire on the 9th of December next. It is provided in Chapter LXVIII, section third, that patents may issue on entries made previous to June 20, 1863, the date of the State's organization, provided the surveys under such entries are made and filed with the Secretary of State previous to the 9th of December, 1875. After that date the issuance of patents for land in West Virginia will be a thing of the past.—Whaling Standard.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS Elected.—The following is the result of the recent school election for County Superintendents in West Virginia, as far as heard from: Preston county, J. H. Feather; Taylor, S. R. Powell; Hancock, H. C. Shepherd; Grant, C. M. Babb; Tucker, W. B. Maxwell; Doddridge, J. V. Blair; Pocahontas, J. W. Warwick, Jr.; Wirt, Professor Casto; Lewis, G. W. Crook; Gilmer, Levi Johnson; Upshur, G. R. Latham; Barbour, Perry Marteny; Marion, John Satterfield; Nicholas, J. H. Robinson; Monongalia, A. L. Wade; Summers, C. L. Ellison; Mason, C. E. Hogg; Brooke, J. W. Hough; Marshall, William Wirt; Greenbrier, Lewis; Monroe, Elmore; Mineral, A. Sharpless; Kanawha, C. B. Webb; Ohio, J. A. Faris; Randolph, J. W. Price.

THE BRAXTON COUNTY INOX WORKS.—We take the following from a letter to the Jackson County (Ohio) News: The Messrs. Savage & Co. have erected a Furnace at the mouth of Strange Creek, seventy-seven miles above Charleston, which they expect to put in blast about the middle of September next. The stack is finished and is built of sand stone of fine quality and large dimensions. The stack is a model piece of workmanship, forty feet square at the base, by forty-two feet high, and eleven feet across the bores. Great credit is due Thomas M. Jones, of Cross Roads, Jackson county, Ohio, for the manner in which this work has been executed. Elk River Furnace stands on the south side of the river in a very pleasant and romantic situation, surrounded on all sides with hills, and enough bottom lands along the banks of the creek and river, to afford gardens for the forty-two houses they have erected for the accommodation of the furnace hands. These houses are built of good material, and will compare favorably with the buildings and fixtures about similar establishments in any of the older places. The furnace is surrounded on all sides by forests of timber, and an abundance of ore and stone-coal.

Great praise is due to the Messrs. Savage & Co. for their perseverance and industry in developing the mineral wealth of Elk River, and it is to be hoped that before long they will have the satisfaction of seeing their labor crowned with success.

DASTARDLY MURDER.

A Farmer Stabbed and Hung.

[From the Buckhannon Delta of the 2nd.]
One of the most outrageous murders that has ever been perpetrated in this State, was committed on last Thursday, the 26th ult., in Barbour county, about four miles this side (west) of Beekington. Mr. A. J. Wilmoth, a merchant, post-master, and highly respected citizen, living the distance above mentioned from Beekington, while harvesting and stacking his hay, found he was deficient one pole, and said he would take an axe and go to the woods and cut one. He was absent rather a longer time than it was supposed it would take him to cut one, when some work hands who were in his employ went to look for him. They had not gone a great distance into the woods, when they discovered him dangling from the limb of a tree, a ghastly corpse. On examination it was found that he had been stabbed a number of times in the neck and breast with a bay-fork, or something similar. It has been whispered around who the perpetrators of so dastardly and cowardly act were, but no arrests of the suspicious parties have been made as yet, and we shall defer giving any names until we can get a more definite and correct report. Mr. Wilmoth's body was suspended to the tree by his bark peeled from a small bush. We understand he had no personal enemies in his immediate vicinity, and it is supposed to have been a matter of money—in short, it is thought he was killed for his money. It is a dark and bloody murder and should be worked up, and the black-hearted murderers dealt with to the extreme extent of the law.

Circuit Court convened on Wednesday last—Judge Brannon on the Bench. Up to the time of going to press, no cases of general importance have been tried.

THE most ultra hard-money-at-any-price man in the country will confess that there cannot be for many years to come, specie enough to circulate as currency. Their only hope is that there will be enough for a basis upon which to issue paper money. Now, which is the best, a paper currency based directly upon the faith and credit of the country, or innumerable promises to pay, issued by private corporations, and based upon a slim and perfectly unreliable specie foundation? And which paper stands the best chances of being redeemed?

DEATH BY A THRESHING MACHINE.—A terrible and fatal accident occurred near Danville, Barbour county, on Thursday evening of last week, which resulted in the death of Mr. Godfrey Shaffer. Mr. S. was engaged with others, on the farm of Mr. Nestor with a threshing machine, and was attending to the machinery while running when his shirt sleeve was caught by the bolt in one of the clevishes of the tumbling shaft. His arm and body were instantly drawn around the rapidly revolving shaft, and before the machinery was stopped had made several hundred revolutions.—Grafton Sentinel.

FRAUD—LOOK OUT.—A number of newspapers throughout the country have been publishing a list of insurance companies, which it is asserted are wild cat concerns of the most despicable character. In the list West Virginia, or what are represented as West Virginia insurance companies figure conspicuously, and the papers assert that West Virginia is a favorite play ground for such swindlers. The peculiar insurance laws of this State offer tempting inducements to unscrupulous persons to engage in the insurance business; and flaming manifestoes, buncombe statistics and an ever ready and susceptible conscience have been the cause of many persons securing risks on the faith of a State Charter, and large and wholly unreliable estimates of the companies' resources, which have turned out to be entirely worthless. The fact that a wild cat company was operating in Parkersburg became known from the circulation in great quantities, through Indiana and other Western States, of a "Statement" of the company's condition, which recited:

Capital	\$252,000.
Cash in Bank	88,000.
Office Furniture at Pk's	\$1,100.

This "Statement" was investigated and like all investigations now-a-days developed into one of the biggest frauds that has turned up in the insurance line.

The company is composed of a few men, all of whom are non-residents of West Virginia, and live somewhere in Ohio. The actual capital stock that is commensurate is 0. Each one of the Banks in Parkersburg say that the company have not, and never have had, even 8 cents on deposit.

Our insurance laws may be defective, and human nature gullible, but so long as we publish a newspaper for the dissemination of information, we propose to make it a little warm in this region for all sorts of frauds. We are not done with this Company, which is injuring the business of our legitimate Insurance Companies and agents, but propose to keep up a continual clatter, and a never ending repetition of their fraudulent nature, until the last one of them has shaken the dust of West Virginia from its clothes, and hung its banners of fraud upon some other State's gate-post.—Parkersburg Sentinel.

NOTICE.—I hereby notify the public that I will hereafter do a strictly cash business at the Weston Mills; and that there will be nothing sent out from the mill until it is paid for. I have to pay cash for grain, and am forced to do so to carry on the business. I shall make no exceptions to this rule. I further notify all persons that are indebted to me on mill account to come forward and settle, or I will proceed to collect according to law.

A. W. WOODFORD.
August 23, 1875.

Horse shoe iron sets at Chalfant & Moore's.

Dr. GEORGE B. MORRIS, of the firm of Morris, Jarrett & Hall, Dentists, 341, 5th Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., will visit this place twice a year—spring and fall—notwithstanding others report to the contrary.

DR. A. M. DENT has located permanently in Weston for the practice of his profession. Having attended a thorough course of lectures at Sterling Medical College, after an experience of twelve years as a practical druggist, the Doctor has obtained not only an accurate knowledge of diseases, but also, from his long experience as a druggist, understands perfectly, the properties of medicines, and their application in the treatment of disease. The Doctor can be found at his residence on Centre Street, nearly opposite the Court House. All calls, night and day, promptly attended to.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER.—It is natural for people suffering with Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint or any derangement of the digestive organs, such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constipation, palpitation of the Heart, Heart-burn, Water-brash, gnawing and burning pains at the pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue, and disagreeable taste in the mouth, coming up of food after eating, low spirits, &c., to put from day to day buying an article that they know has cured their neighbor, friend and relative, yet they have no faith in it until it is too late. But if you will go to your druggist Dr. G. B. Simpson & Co., and get a bottle of Green's August Flower your immediate cure is as certain as you live. Sample bottle of this medicine can be obtained for 10 cents to try its superior virtue. Regular size 75 cents. Try it, two doses will relieve any case.

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Weston, September 6.

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JACOB SCHMITT,
Weston, April 20.

FIFTH ANNUAL FAIR



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